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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	484	Median Age of Population (1980)	31.2
Estimated Population (1984)	61,799	% Population Urban (1980)	38.0
Population per Square Mile (1984)	128	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$9,304
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	- 0.3	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	3.4
Projected Population (1990)	62,564	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	9.8
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	+ 1.0	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	6.5

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	61,799	29,081	32,718	35-44	7,422	3,679	3,743
0-4	3,910	1,962	1,948	45-54	5,883	2,828	3,055
5-14	7,601	3,912	3,689	55-64	6,470	2,986	3,484
15-24	12,326	5,412	6,914	65+	8,848	3,521	5,327
25-34	9,339	4,781	4,558				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	508	Number of Divorces	195
Rate per 1,000 Population	8.2	Rate per 1,000 Population	3.2
Median Age of Bride	24	Median Age of Wife	31
Median Age of Groom	26	Median Age of Husband	34

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	763
Rate per 1,000 Population	12.3
Median Age of Mother	25
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	5.9

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	763	100.0	30-34	111	14.5
UNDER 15	2	0.3	35-39	31	4.1
15-19	100	13.1	40-44	4	0.5
20-24	268	35.1	45+	0	—
25-29	247	32.4	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	23	Meningitis: Aseptic	4	Salmonellosis	11
Hepatitis: Type A	4	Meningitis: Meningococcal	1	Shigellosis	2
Hepatitis: Type B	1	Mumps	1	Syphilis	1
Hepatitis: Unspecified	0	Rubella	0	Tuberculosis	3
Hepatitis: Non-A/Non-B	2				

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	635	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	10
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	10.3	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	13.1
Median Age at Death	76.0	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	1

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	265	41.7	Perinatal Conditions	4	36.4	Accidents, All Forms	2	40.0
Cancer	140	22.0	Accidents, All Forms	3	27.3	Cancer	1	20.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	56	8.8	Congenital Anomalies	2	18.2	Suicide	1	20.0
Diabetes Mellitus	24	3.8				Congenital Anomalies	1	20.0
Accidents, All Forms	22	3.5						
All Other	128	20.2	All Other	2	18.2			
TOTAL	635	100.0	TOTAL	11	100.0	TOTAL	5	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Cancer	8	33.3	Cancer	38	39.6	Heart Disease	232	46.5
Accidents, All Forms	6	25.0	Heart Disease	30	31.3	Cancer	93	18.6
Heart Disease	3	12.5	Diabetes Mellitus	7	7.3	Cerebrovascular Disease	50	10.0
			Cerebrovascular Disease	6	6.3	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	18	3.6
			Accidents, All Forms	3	3.1	Diabetes Mellitus	17	3.4
All Other	7	29.2	All Other	12	12.5	All Other	89	17.8
TOTAL	24	100.0	TOTAL	96	100.0	TOTAL	499	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
2	2	0	0	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	0	Structured Clinics	0	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	1	Family Practice Center	0	Limited	0	General	2
				Basic	0	Comprehensive	0

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	2	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	0	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.	Specialty and Federal Hospitals:	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	312	5.0	Beds Set Up & Staffed	0	—
Admissions	10,056	162.7	Admissions	0	—

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $160

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	2	1	2
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	2	0	2
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	2	2	2
TOTAL	6	3	6

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	220	24.9
Intermediate	371	41.9
Total (SNF + ICF)	591	66.8

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 82.0

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $51
Intermediate $53

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment [1985] NOTE: Includes Montour, Snyder, and Union Counties

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
9	1,716	1,006	680	30	65.5

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
2	1	0	0	6	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services [1985]

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	241	Certified Paramedics I	0
Ambulance Providers	8	Certified Paramedics II	0

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled [1983]

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 4

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	4	Autism	4	Muscular Dystrophy	4
Cerebral Palsy	4	Learning Disabilities	4	Other	4
Epilepsy	4	Multiple Sclerosis	4		

d. Primary Health Care Centers [1985]

Number of Agencies 0

e. Licensed Boarding Homes [1985]

Number of Homes 7